



**SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room - Municipal Office Building

Present: John J. Ostrosky, Chairman
Robert P. Jacques, Vice-Chairman
Dorbert A. Thomas, Clerk
Patricia M. Banks
Kenneth F. Polito

Also Present: Brad Stone, Agent

Mr. Ostrosky opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1. Review and Approve Minutes

The Conservation Commission approved the Minutes of April 18, 2006 and January 16, 2007 as submitted.

2. Signed bills.

3. Meetings and Hearings – 7:05 P.M.

Mr. Ostrosky announced at the beginning of the hearings that the following hearings were being postponed as follows:

- 1) Notice of Intent filed by George Russell for 455 Hartford Turnpike postponed to March 20, 2007.*
- 2) Notice of Intent filed by S.J. Turnblom Construction Corporation for 119 Gulf Street postponed to March 20, 2007*

285-1404 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by George Russell for the construction of an industrial subdivision at 455 Hartford Turnpike

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to March 20, 2007.

285-1417 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by S.J. Turnblom Construction Corporation for the construction of a single family home at 119 Gulf Street

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to March 20, 2007.

285-1424 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Highland Hills, LLC for the construction of three single family homes at Lots 9, 36, and 41; and for the construction of a sidewalk and footbridge at Lot 10 of the Highland Hill Subdivision, located at Laurel Ridge Lane and Highland Hill Drive

Attending the hearing were Frank and Matt Tomaiolo – the developers; and Chris Keenan – an engineer from Quinn Engineering.

Mr. Keenan said the Commission wanted to see revised plans showing the relocation of the foot bridge and relocation of driveways on the lots. He reviewed this plan.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

Discussion regarding the detention pond at Highland Hill Estates

Attending the hearing were Frank and Matt Tomaiolo – the developers; and Chris Keenan – an engineer from Quinn Engineering.

Mr. Keenan said they have had discussions in the Engineering Department. He said they are proposing to decrease the storage capacity of the basin without increasing the spill-over. He submitted a packet of information, reviewed the plan and information, and asked the Commission if they would consider this a minor change. He commented that they are changing the footprint of the basin and it falls on Lot 34. He said they are having trouble selling Lot #40; and wants to move the basin.

The Commission agreed and voted that this is a minor change; they should provide a revised plan to Mr. Stone/Engineering Dept.; and should file a Notice of Intent for Lot #34.

Mr. Ostrosky closed the discussions.

285-1369 Public Hearing regarding the request for an Amended Order of Conditions filed by MJ & KJ Realty, LLC for the construction of a retaining wall and associated grading at 29 Grafton Circle

Attending the hearing were Maureen and Kevin Jarvis – the property owners; and Kevin Quinn – the engineer from Quinn Engineering. Mr. Quinn said this filing is for an Amended Order of Conditions for the construction of a retaining wall, a fence, and guardrail. He gave some history of the sitework.

Mr. Quinn said they are not in an area of Riverfront; they are technically exempt, but they are trying to meet it anyway. He submitted proposed sitework.

Mr. Ostrosky closed the hearing.

**RDA Public Meeting regarding the Request for Determination of Applicability
filed by James Doherty for the construction of a retaining wall at 86
Lakeside Drive**

Attending the hearing was James Doherty – the homeowner. He said he wants to take down the existing cinder block wall and make a fieldstone wall, and wants to do the work while the lake is low.

The Commission expressed concern about the location of the wall and the amount of work being proposed. Ms. Allen, Board of Health Director, stated that the lake is starting to rise now from the drawdown.

The Commission agreed if Mr. Stone was comfortable with going down and agreeing on location, so work can get done quickly, that they would be satisfied with that. Mr. Ostrosky said as a condition, if the lake is rising too fast, a silt fence will be used while work is going on.

The Commission voted a negative determination, with conditions. Mr. Ostrosky closed the hearing.

285-** Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Nancy Allen for
the construction of a family room and garage at 54 Lakeside Drive**

Attending the hearing were Joe and Nancy Allen – the homeowners. Mr. Allen said, due to some miscommunication, they did not notify abutters and asked for hearing to be postponed. The Commission voted to allow the postponement to March 20, 2007.

Mr. Ostrosky postponed the hearing to March 20, 2007.

285-** Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by the Worcester
Business Development Corporation for the construction of sewer and
water utilities at 0 Green Street and 79 Centech Boulevard**

Mr. Polito abstained from the hearing due to possible conflict of interest. Attending was Bill O'Rourke – from Maguire Group.

Mr. O'Rourke stated that they are proposing to put in a cross country sewer line. He said this will be area of concern of the Commission; 800 feet will run through woods and it comes close to a pond in the middle of woods. He also commented that the developer would have to come back with a filing with the Commission to do the connection. He said this filing is just to run the line.

The Commission agreed and stated that a condition will be to use water tight manhole covers.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

285-1425 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Shrewsbury Homes, Inc. for the construction of a detention basin and point source discharge for a four lot subdivision, Tuscan Place

Attending the hearing was Mark Gates – an engineer from Land Planning Inc.

Mr. Gates said the wetland area is in the back of the lot. He stated the only work within the buffer being proposed at this point is the detention pond. He said the lots will be filed separately.

Mr. Stone said he is looking for the flagging and he discussed Stormwater Management requirements.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to March 20, 2007.

285-** Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Prestigious Home Builders, Inc. for the construction of a single family home at 10 High Street**

Attending the hearing was Glenn Krevosky – from EBT Environmental. He noted that the lot is at the corner of High Street and Spring Street.

Mr. Krevosky stated the proposed house would be 20.4 feet away from the wetland area. He showed the proposed replication area; and said the replication would be right at the corner of High and Spring Streets.

The Commission asked how the area would be protected; and Mr. Krevosky said with plantings or fencing.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to March 20, 2007, at 7:00 P.M., for Mr. Stone's and the Commission's further review.

285-1399 Discussion regarding phasing at the King's Brook Subdivision, 132-134 Old Mill Road

Attending the hearing were Mike, James, and Jessica Venincasa – the developers; and Glenn Krevosky – from EBT Environmental Inc.

Mr. Krevosky said this project did not get noticed. He gave a review of the project and what work has been done. He said they would like to begin construction of Lots 1 & 5 to meet Purchase and Sales Agreements for these lots.

Mr. Krevosky said Aggregate opens on March 1, 2007, but the ground is three feet frozen, so said they would like to begin building two buildings, while waiting for ability to pave. After discussion of allowing the construction of buildings before the road is done, the Commission and developers agreed to start construction on one building.

Mr. Ostrosky closed discussions.

285-** Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Shrewsbury for the construction of a pedestrian trail near Jordan Pond located at 32 Ridgeland Road, 18 Roberts Street, 0 Florence Street, 0 & 34-38 Jordan Road, and 0 Lakewood Drive**

Attending the hearing was Brad Stone – representing the Town of Shrewsbury. Mr. Stone commented that the study done by GZA was reconsidered; they have come to realization that Jordan Pond won't be swimable; so the Town is looking at other improvements. Mr. Stone reviewed the proposed plan of the Parks and Recreation Department. He said this filing is for the construction of a paved pedestrian trail and bridge at the location of an existing earthen footpath.

Mr. Stone further explained that the funds being given by the State have to be used by June 30, 2007. He also stated they are going to avoid area of endangered Blue Spotted Salamander.

Mr. Ostrosky mentioned the sharp curve at the tip of the trail. He suggested maybe pulling back the trail. Mr. Stone discussed beach area; he said he worked with EcoTec, Inc.; he said they faxed a letter over for the beach; and reviewed the plan proposed by EcoTec. He also reviewed Lycott Environmental recommendations.

Mr. Polito asked about condition of the pond for fish; and Mr. Stone said he can check.

Mr. Ostrosky addressed the walking of dogs and having some kind of receptacle. He also said they should have a plantings schedule.

Jean O'Connor, 14 Roberts Street, commented that she liked the proposed plan.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

4. New Business

a. Discussed/Signed Draft Orders of Conditions and Request for Determination of Applicability

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| 285-1424 | Lots 9, 10, 36, 41 Highland Hill Subdivision – conditionally approved |
| 285-1369 | 29 Grafton Circle – conditionally approved |
| RDA | 86 Lakeside Drive – voted negative determination with conditions |
| 285-**** | 54 Lakeside Drive – continued |
| 285-**** | 0 Green Street and 79 Centech Boulevard – conditionally approved |
| 285-1425 | Tuscan Place – continued |
| 285-**** | 10 High Street – continued |
| 285-**** | Jordan Pond – conditionally approved |

5. Old Business

a. Discussed/Signed Certificates of Compliance

Mr. Stone recommended signing the following:

285-286 Farmington Drive
285-1412 904 Hartford Turnpike

6. Correspondence

7. Miscellaneous

a) Vote Officers for FY 2008

The Commission voted the following officers for FY 2008:

John J. Ostrosky – Chairman
Robert P. Jacques – Vice-Chairman
Dorbert A. Thomas – Clerk
Patricia M. Banks
Kenneth F. Polito

b) Discussions regarding 550 South Street

Mr. Ostrosky updated the Commission on this property. The Commission agreed that if they come in with another proposal, they should come in with a Notice of Intent.

c) D.E.P. upheld the Commission's decision on 46 Everett Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette W. Rebovich